Powers to village Panchayats at Haryana

†2895. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the new powers Government propose to grant to the village Panchayats of the country;

(b) the amount of financial assistance given by the Central Government to the State Government of Haryana or the village Panchayats for the development works during the last six months;

(c) whether this financial assistance has been adequately utilized;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI **MANI SHANKAR** AIYAR): (a) The Government of Haryana have now begun work with the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj on implementing the Compendium of consensus points for action adumbrated by the seven Round Tables held in July—December, 2004. In addition, Village Panchayats will be the Principal agency for planning, implementation and monitoring of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the Bill for which is under consideration in Parliament.

(b) The amount released by the Ministry of Rural Development under major rural development schemes to the Government of Haryana is as under:-

Name of the Scheme	Period	Amount released by the Centre
Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)	2005-06	28.56 crore
Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)	2005-06	5.63 crore
Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)	March, 2005	28.04 crore
Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	Last 6 months	11.57 crore

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(c) to (e) As per the information available with the Ministry, the assistance given under various schemes/programmes are utilized.

Compensation on Pipeline Projects

†2896. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount compensation regarding the pipelines being laid for the transport of petroleum products (including gas) to various parts of the country under the Petroleum and Minerals pipeline Act has not been distributed for many years; and

(b) if so, the details of undistributed amount alongwith its project-wise and State-wise period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Oil Pubic Sector Undertakings acquire Right of User (RoU) to lay pipelines for transportation of crude oil, gas and petroleum products. The Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 and the Rules framed thereunder provide the manner in which the RoUs are acquired and compensation paid. Oil PSUs have accordingly been acquiring RoUs and paying compensation to the affected persons. Information in respect of dues on account of compensation, project-wise and State-wise, is being collected from all oil PSUs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Oil Companies Demand for Review of Oil Prices

2897. SHRIMATI S. G INDIRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector oil companies have demanded a fresh review of oil prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that world oil prices continue to hover at around US Dollar 57 per a barrel; and

(d) if so, at what price India is getting the oil?

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